Extension of activities by Dredging Corproation of India

1139. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:
SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Dredging Corporation of India has formulated any scheme to extend its activities in foreign countries;

(b) if so, whether any other orders for undertaking dredging work have been received from foreign countries under this scheme; and

(c) the extent of business transacted by the Corporation during 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (e): Dredging Corporation of India has been trying to obtain forcign contracts. But so far no foreign contract has been secured by them. During 1993-94 the total income of Dreding Corporation of India was 153.27 crores and net profit before tax was Rs. 24.42 crores.

Lack of Telecom and Fire Fighting Equipments facilities to Forest Guards

1140. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SMT. KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether telecom facilities and fire fighting equipments are not being provided to all forest guards;

(b) whether there is no provision for training forest guards in fire fighting system;

(c) the reasons for not accepting UNDP/FAO offer of aircraft and helicopters for fire surveillance in forest areas of hills; and

(d) the scheme evolved for fighting the forest fire manage along the Himalayan foot hills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Under the on-going centrally sponsored scheme 'Modern Forest Fire Control Methods' there is provision for providing telecom facilities, fire fighting equipment and training in fire fighting system to the forest staff in the 11 States namely Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh.

(c) The Ministry has accepted one aircraft and one helicopter from UNDP for fire surveillance in forest areas of hills and other parts of the country.

(d) Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely 'Modern Forest Fire Control Methods' is in operation since 1992-93 100% central financial assistance is provided to the states for procurement of hand tools, fire resistant clothing, wireless communication sets, fire finders, fire tenders, creation of fire lines, construction of watch tower, training and demonstraction, research and publicity.

Awarding Petrol/Diesel outlets/LPG agencies to SC/ST

1141. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol/diesel retail outlets, LPG agencies and kerosene distributorships awarded to SC/ST persons during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have any policy to provide land and other infrastructures to the SC/ST allottees in this regard; and